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In memory of the children of Ephraim and Miriam.

They preserved and passed on the Ephraim music tradition to our generation.

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Mah Nishtana (reproduction of 1956 booklet)

Forward

Composer and conductor **Ephraim Abileah**, (1881-1953) son of **Alexander Eliezer Niswitzki** (1840-1906), a Cantor in Russia, was born in the Grodno region (now Belarus). Throughout his life he was inspired by his father, a professional musician and humanistic person. Thus Ephraim's compositions are mainly religious, though during his years in Israel he did compose secular music and Israeli songs. The bulk of his compositions are now archived at the National Library in Jerusalem, Israel. His father's Cantor Notebooks "Pinkasei Chazan" חזך are also archived at that Library.

Ephraim studied music at the conservatory in Warsaw, Poland. At age 18 he served in the Russian army as an orchestra conductor. He taught piano at the Warsaw Conservatory, and in 1905 married his best student Masha (Miriam) Mosabowski (1986-1960). They went on to Vienna, Austria, lived in Mödling where they raised a family, and Ephraim provided for his family with a piano selling business and a music school.

Ephraim composed music for synagogue services, and religious songs. In 1922 he realized his Zionist dream, and immigrated to Israel (then Palestine) to establish a business and a home for his family in Tel-Aviv, where the family joined him later. The family name changed to Abileah. Later the family moved to Haifa and opened the **Abileah** music store selling musical instruments, sheet music, providing repair and tuning for pianos. The Music Universum, founded in Vienna in 1909, was reestablished in the Haifa family home teaching piano, violin, cello and voice. The conservatorium became also the center for music life in Haifa with quartets and concerts nearly every evening.

Above all, Ephraim had a vision of composing melodies and tunes for Jewish texts ("Kol Nidre"), holidays (Passover, Hanukkah) and ceremonies (Wedding, Funerals). One of the most famous music composition is the Oratory – Holiday of Freedom, based on the original text of the Passover Haggadah, and within, the world-wide famous melody for "Mah Nishtana," sung at the Passover table at nearly every Jewish home.

Ephraim was not only a very gifted musician, he was also a very humanistic Jew. He had tolerance and respect for the opinions of others. He strived for truth and lived with high moral standards. Among many other activities, he established the first Freemasons Temple and was elected as the first president of the Freemasons in Israel.

The collection provided in this book includes the Passover Oratory *The Freedom Holiday* -חג החרות, which contains text from the Haggadah, ending with the famous "Mah Nishtana."

The music sheets in this book were created by a professional music transcriber from original source. Unfortunately the last 14 bars of "Ma Nishtana" are mysteriously missing. So for a complete version we included a reproduction of a 1956 booklet of the "Mah Nishtana" at the end of this book (starting on page 151). The booklet was published in honor of the composer's widow, Miriam, on her 70th Birthday.

Also included are the Hanukah Candle Lighting Ceremony and the Wedding Ceremony. The latter was originally composed for the wedding of Ephraim's son Joseph to Dina Yarmut. It became a tradition in all Ephraim descendants' weddings, all around the world.

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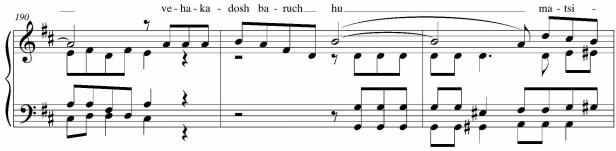






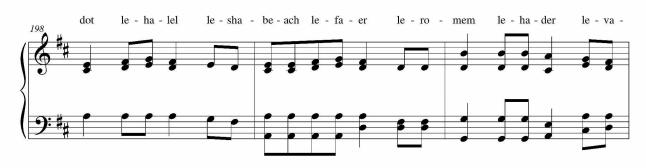












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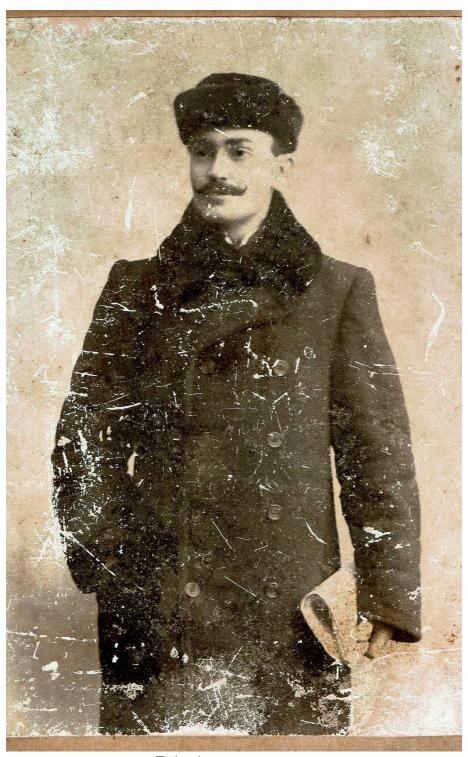












Ephraim as a young man Warsaw 1903



Niswitzkies and relatives in Mödling, Austria Ephraim (top center), Miriam (2nd from left, front row)



Music school in Mödling

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Ephraim, Miriam, and Arie (Ephraim's brother)

Benny in front



Ensemble - Ephraim with cello, College des Frères, Jaffa



Ephraim Abileah (center) with his music students. College des Frères, Jaffa, May, 1932.



Teaching piano



Piano store office Joseph, Ephraim, and Rudolph



Jaffa store



Jaffa store



Music school

Ephraim and Miriam in the center with Rudy left, and Willi on the right



Ephraim and Miriam

Founded in 1908 at Vienna. The name of MUSIC-UNIVERSUM was adopted in 1918 in Austria. Reorganized in 1941 at Haifa.



נוסד בוינה בשנת 1908. קכל את השם אוניברסום למוסיקה בשנת 1918 באיסטריה. בשנת 1941

Among the principal aims of the school the thorough tuition in Theoretical Subjects & Ensemble Music are to be pointed out. The board of teachers was composed last year of members of the family Abileah in the following branches:

- 1. Prof. E. Abileah:
 Piano, Theory, Harmony and
 Management.
- 2. Mrs. M. Abileah:
 Piano & Supervision of order
 and conduct.
- 3. J. W. Abileah:
 Violin, Viola, Orchestra and
 Administration.
- 4. A. R. Abileah:

Violoncello & Chamber music. Owing to the great number of new inscriptions the following teachers have been co-operating in the course of this year.

- 1. J. Mejerowicz: Violin.
- 2. Dr. E. Jacobson: Violin.
- 3 Dr. Kerpen: Accordeon and Jazz music.
- 4. G. Bodenheimer: Clarinet and Block-flute.

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- א. פרום' אפרים אכילאה: פסגתר, תאוריה, הרסוניה והנהלת בית הספר.
- ב. גב' מרום אבילאה: פסנתר והשגחה על סדר והתנהגות.
 - נ. יוסף ו. אבילאה: כנור, ויאולה, תושורת

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ר. אכשלום ר. אבילאה: צ'לו ומומיקה קאמרית.

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- א. י. מאירוביין; כנור.
- ב. ד"ר יעקובסון: כנור.
- ג. ד"ר קרפן: אקירדיון ומוסיקת ג'ו.
- ד. גד בודנהייםר: קלרינט וחלילית.

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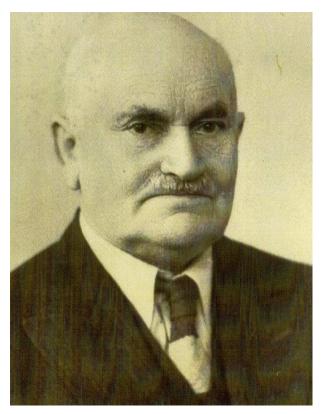
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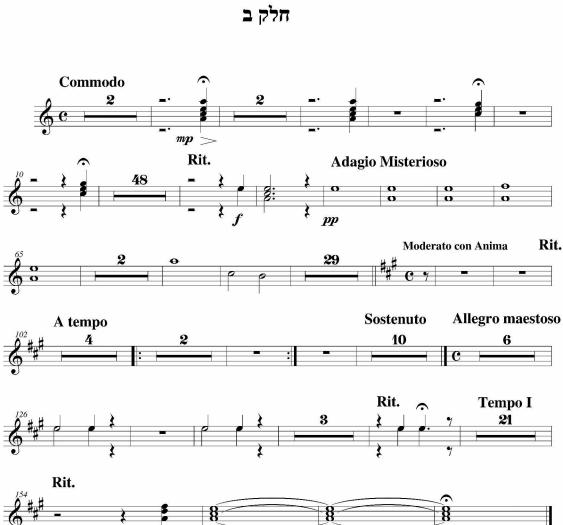






















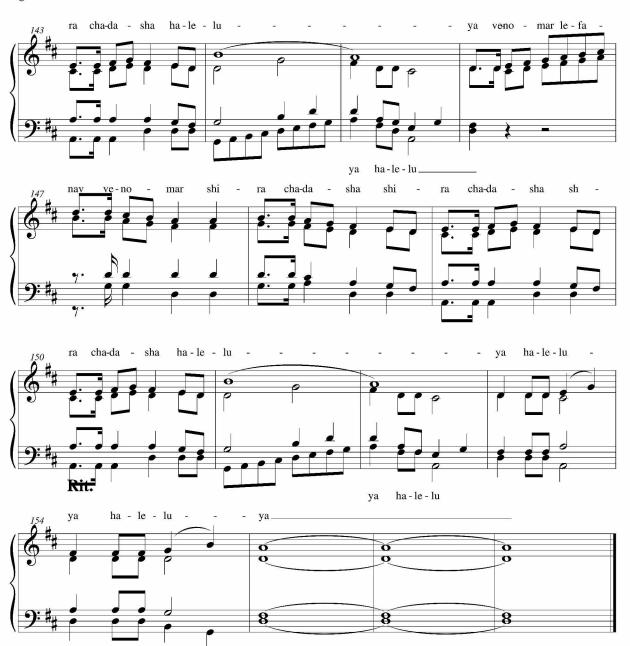
























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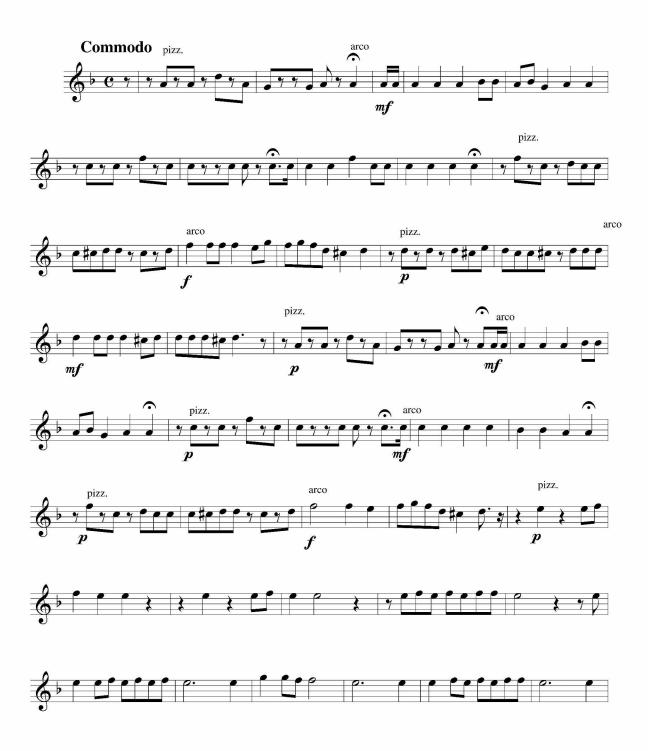




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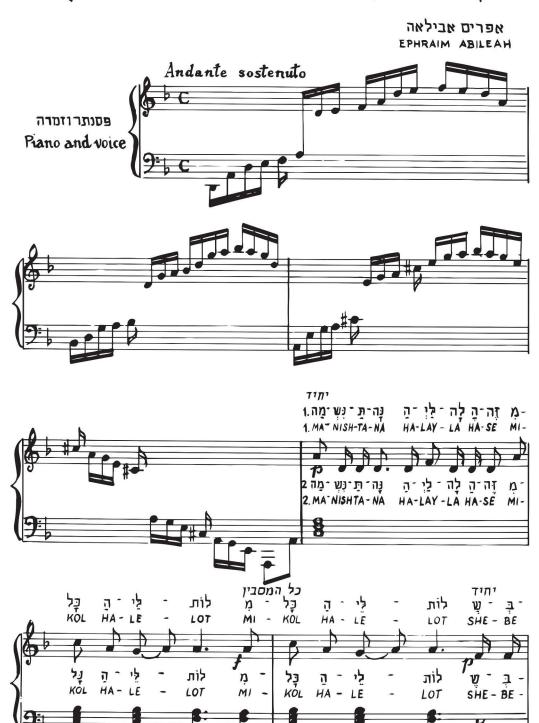


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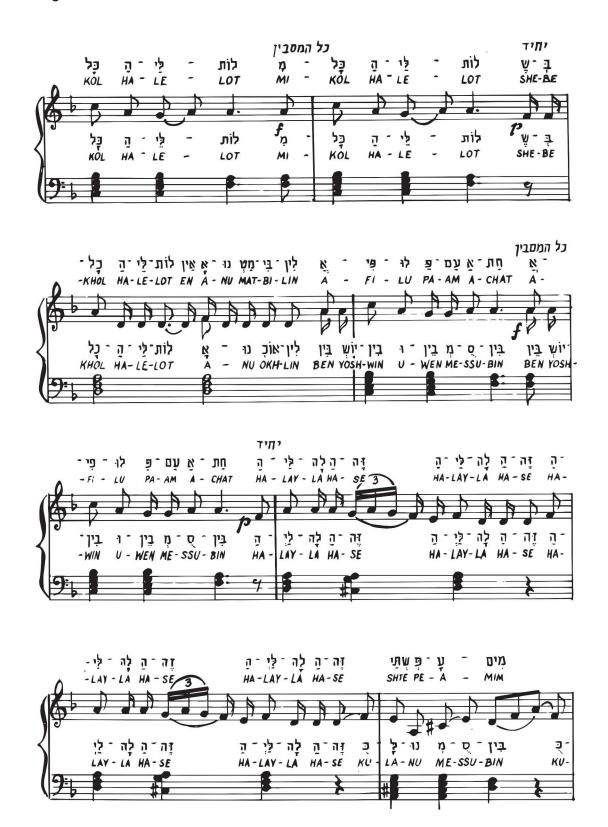
















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